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Fossil My understanding: 4 3 2 1	
Characteristics/ Examples	Question
Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____	

A-Z Guide

In the boxes, write a country for each letter of the alphabet. Put the word in the box with the first letter of the word.
Try to use as many letters as you can!

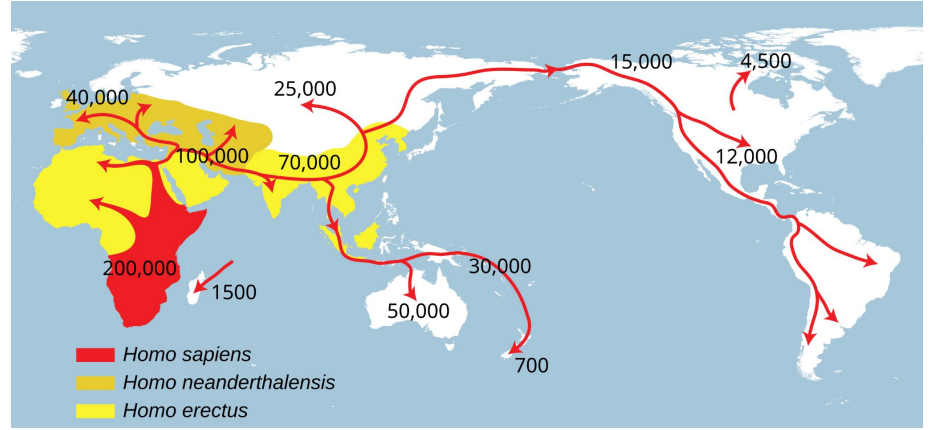
Topic: Fossil		
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D:	E:	F:
G:	H:	I:
J:	K:	L:
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P:	Q:	R:
S:	T:	U:
V:	W:	X:
Y:	Z:	

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

Definition	Illustration
the movement of people or animals from one place to another, often over long distances, usually to find better living conditions	
Migration ----- My understanding: 4 3 2 1	
Characteristics/ Examples	Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____ Question

PREDICTION: In 3-5 sentences, answer the following prompt:

Why do you think early humans left Africa? How might their journey be similar or different from people who move today?



Source: NordNordWest, "Map of the spreading of hominins over the world; including *Homo erectus*, *Homo neanderthalensis*, and *Homo sapiens*," 2014. Public Domain.

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Characteristics/ Examples	Paleolithic Period My understanding: 4 3 2 1 Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____ Question

Anticipatory Guide

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Art My understanding: 4 3 2 1	
Use in a Sentence	Question
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NOTICE

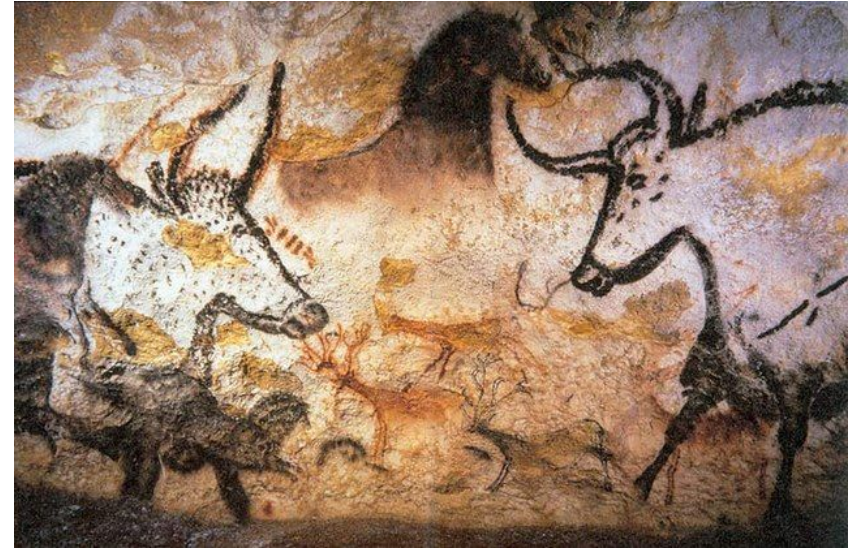
What do you see that seems interesting or important?

WONDER

What questions do you have about this image?

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Pastoralism

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Illustration

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

Question

Give One

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PROMPT: 1. Student Name 2. What is one reason a group might choose to keep hunting and gathering instead of adopting agriculture (or the other way around)?	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
MY ANSWER: 1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
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Transformation ----- My understanding: 4 3 2 1 Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____	

Illustration

Question

VOCABULARY MATCHING: Match the vocabulary words in the box below with the correct definition

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Foraging	Neolithic Revolution	Domestication

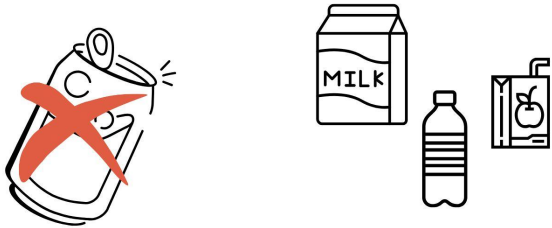
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The movement of people from one region to another, often in search of food, better climate, or safety.	
The major change from hunting and gathering to farming and settled communities, starting around 10,000 BCE.	
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Inequality My understanding: 4 3 2 1	
Characteristics/ Examples	Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____ Question

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Museum Exhibit

My understanding: 4 3 2 1

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Characteristics/ Examples	
Name: _____	

Name: _____ **Date:** _____ **Class:** _____

_____ Date: _____ Class: _____ **Question**

VIDEO REFLECTION:

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Characteristics/ Examples	Question
- Dinosaur - Preserved Remains - Clues to the past	How do fossils help us learn about what early humans looked like and how they lived?

Fossil

My understanding: 4 3 2 1

- Dinosaur
- Preserved Remains
- Clues to the past

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Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

A-Z Guide

In the boxes, write words relating to or describing the topic listed below. Put the word in the box with the first letter of the word. Try to use as many letters as you can!

Topic: Fossil		
A: Amber	B: Bone	C: Carbon Dating
D: Dinosaur	E: Extinct	F: Footprint
G: Geology	H: Hominid	I: Ice Age
J: Jurassic	K: Karst	L: Limestone
M: Mold	N: Neanderthal	O: Organism
P: Paleontology	Q: Quarry	R: Relative Dating
S: Skeleton	T: Tar Pit	U: Uranium-Lead Dating
V: Volcanic Ash	W: Woolly Mammoth	X: X-Ray Analysis
Y: Yavapai Layer	Z: Zircon	

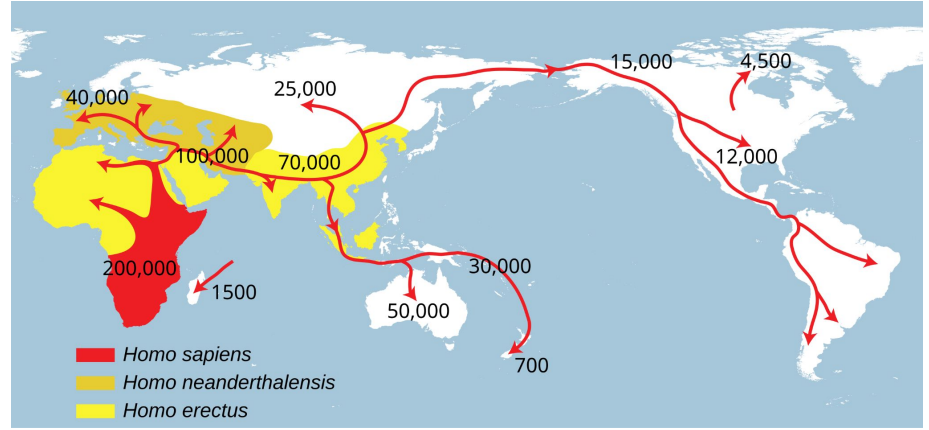
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Migration My understanding: 4 3 2 1	
● Movement ● Birds in winter ● Refugee	Can a migration be temporary and not permanent?
Characteristics/ Examples	Question
Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____	

PREDICTION: In 3-5 sentences, answer the following prompt:

Why do you think early humans left Africa? How might their journey be similar or different from people who move today?

I think early humans left Africa to find food, water, and better places to live. Maybe the climate was changing or there were too many people in one area. Their journey was probably much harder than today because they had to walk long distances and didn't have maps or transportation. They also had to find shelter and survive in new environments. Today, people still move for better opportunities, but they usually have more support and resources.



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● Old Stone Age ● Great climate change ● Before written records	Paleolithic Period My understanding: 4 3 2 1 To what extent do historians agree about the Paleolithic Period considering the lack of written records?
Characteristics/ Examples	Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____ Question

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Answers will vary.	Mobility was a key survival strategy of early humans.	Agree: Movement through the seasons helped them locate food and water.
Answers will vary.	Early foraging communities were large and sedentary.	Disagree: They were small, mobile groups.
Answers will vary.	Technological innovation had little impact on humans during the Stone Age.	Disagree: It was a slow but powerful force in human development.
Answers will vary.	The division of labor in foraging societies was often flexible.	Agree: Both men and women contributed to essential survival tasks.
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Art My understanding: 4 3 2 1	
People can connect to nature and each other through art.	Is there art left behind from every time period in history?
Use in a Sentence	Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____ Question

NOTICE

What do you see that seems interesting or important?

There are large animals like bulls or oxen, and all drawn with thick lines and some shading. The figures seem to be moving or interacting.

WONDER

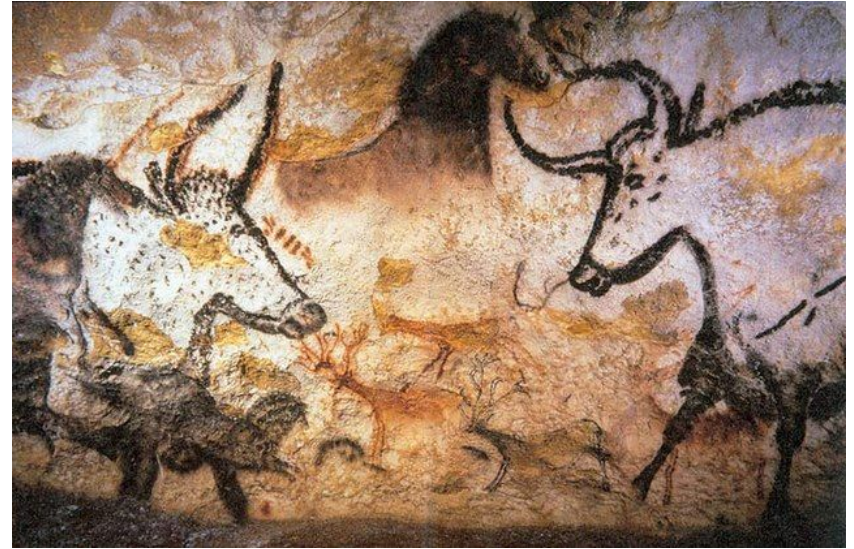
What questions do you have about this image?

What was the purpose of this artwork?

THINK

Why do you suppose is going on in this image?

I think this painting shows that early humans were not just surviving—they were thinking symbolically and creatively.



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Pastoralism

My understanding: 4 3 2 1



Why did some groups choose to raise animals instead of grow crops?

Illustration

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

Question

Give One

Get One

PROMPT:

1. Student Name

2. What is one reason a group might choose to keep hunting and gathering instead of adopting agriculture (or the other way around)?

MY ANSWER:

1. **Name**

2. **Want a reliable food supply**

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Answers will vary but could include:

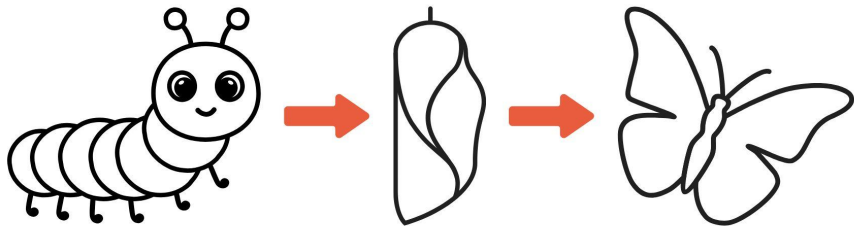
- **Want to be able to stay in one place**
- **Could grow extra food to be stored**
- **Allows for a larger community**
- **Wanted more free time**
- **Desired a varied diet**
- **Less risk**
- **Safer**
- **Traditions**

Name: _____ **Date:** _____ **Class:** _____

Definition a major change or shift in the way something works, looks, or functions	Use in a Sentence Communication was transformed with the invention of mobile phones.
Illustration	Question

Transformation

My understanding: 4 3 2 1



Does a transformation always happen quickly or can it take a long time?

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Definition	Use in a Sentence
when people do not have the same rights, opportunities, or access to resources, often because of differences in class, race, gender, or wealth	There is inequality when only certain people's voices are believed and heard.
Characteristics/ Examples	Question

Inequality

My understanding: 4 3 2 1

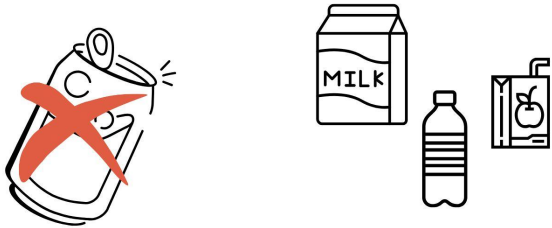
- Poor treatment
- Disenfranchisement
- Uneven distribution of wealth and/or power

How can we know of societies in prehistory were unequal or not?

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The Healthy Drink Switch

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SCENARIO RESPONSE:

In 3-5 sentences, answer the following prompts.

What goal did the school have? What unexpected issues came up? How could the school promote health without losing support or student trust?

The school wanted to help students make healthier choices by removing sugary drinks. But some students stopped buying drinks altogether, and others started sneaking in soda or selling it to friends. This caused a drop in vending sales and lost money for afterschool programs. To fix this, the school could add fun, flavored water options or reward students for choosing healthy drinks. That way, they stay healthy but still feel like they have choices.

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Characteristics/ Examples • Complex • Used to educate • The Hope Diamond	Question How long does it usually take to plan and design a museum exhibit?

Museum Exhibit

My understanding: 4 3 2 1

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

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What does the process of building the Human Origins exhibit reveal about how collaboration, access to evidence, and interpretation shape the way history is presented to the public?

It shows that the process is not just about one person's vision. It takes a team of designers, writers, scientists, and international partners. It also depends on access to artifacts and fossils, whether originals or replicas, which means that cooperation between countries and institutions is essential. These factors impact the presentation and public understanding of the past.



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